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## SENATE BILL

No. 898

## Introduced by Senator Nguyen (Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Travis Allen and Mullin) (Coauthors: Senators Allen, Berryhill, and Stone)

January 21, 2016

An act to add-Section 6358.6 to and repeal Section 6358.6 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation. taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 898, as amended, Nguyen. Sales and use taxes: exemption: animal blood.

Existing sales and use tax laws impose a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state, or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state. Existing law provides for various exemptions from those taxes, including an exemption for certain sales of human blood and containers thereof.

This-bill bill, until January 1, 2022, would exempt from those taxes the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, animal whole blood, plasma, blood products, and blood derivatives, sold by a nonprofit animal blood banking business for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention

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of injury or disease in animals pursuant to a specified state law. *The bill would define "nonprofit" for its purposes*.

The bill also would require the State Board of Equalization to cancel any notice of determination and any related penalties and interest, and to not issue any notice of determination, with respect to the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, animal whole blood, plasma, blood products, and blood derivatives, sold by a nonprofit animal blood banking business for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of injury or disease in animals pursuant to a specified state law. The bill would make findings regarding the public purpose of this provision.

The Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law authorizes cities and counties to impose local sales and use taxes in conformity with the Sales and Use Tax Law, and existing laws authorize districts, as specified, to impose transactions and use taxes in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law, which generally conforms to the Sales and Use Tax Law. Amendments to the Sales and Use Tax Law are incorporated into the local tax laws.

Existing law requires the state to reimburse cities and counties for revenue losses caused by the enactment of sales and use tax exemptions.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding these provisions, no appropriation is made and the state shall not reimburse cities and counties for sales and use tax revenues lost by them pursuant to this bill.

This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 6358.6 is added to the Revenue and 2 Taxation Code, to read:
- 3 6358.6. (a) There are exempted from the taxes imposed by
- 4 this part the gross receipts from the sale in this state of, and the
- 5 storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, animal whole
- 6 blood, plasma, blood products, and blood derivatives, sold by a
- 7 nonprofit animal blood banking business for use in the cure, 8 mitigation, treatment, or prevention of injury or disease in animals
- 9 pursuant to Section 9241 of the Food and Agricultural Code.

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(b) For purposes of this section, "nonprofit" means an organization exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2022, and as of that date is repealed.
- SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that animals have emergencies and illnesses that present a critical need for blood products, and that in enacting this act it is in the public interest to relieve from liability those nonprofit animal blood banking businesses that have not paid sales tax or collected sales tax reimbursement on their sales of animal blood products, thereby preventing undue hardship on those nonprofit animal blood banking businesses that offer this vital life service.
- SEC. 3. The State Board of Equalization shall cancel any notice of determination and any related penalties and interest, and shall not issue any notice of determination, with respect to the sale in this state of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, animal whole blood, plasma, blood products, and blood derivatives, sold by a nonprofit animal blood banking business for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of injury or disease in animals pursuant to Section 9241 of the Food and Agricultural Code.
- SEC. 4. The Legislature finds and declares that the addition of Section 3 of this act serves a public purpose as described in Section 2 of this act, and does not constitute a gift of public funds within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.

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- 30 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 2230 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, no appropriation is made by this act and the state shall not reimburse cities and counties for any sales and use tax revenues lost by them under this act.
- 34 SEC. 3. This act provides for a tax levy within the meaning of 35 Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect.